



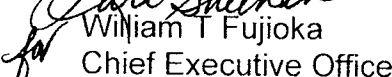
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May 1, 2008

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## FINAL REPORT: FRAUD PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

This is in response to your Board Motion of May 29, 2007 instructing my office to report on the feasibility of incorporating data mining technology into the DPSSMART Data Warehouse to target fraud in all public assistance programs, and to provide fraud detection and prevention training to all County agency staff who administer public assistance programs. On July 12, 2007, I provided your Board with an interim report which detailed how the DPSSMART Data Warehouse can be used to assist in the detection and prevention of fraud and that my Service Integration Branch (SIB) is working with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to evaluate the effectiveness of implementing Data Mining tools with the Data Warehouse. It was determined that if requested, a pilot program can be implemented within four months. In addition, I reported that DPSS has an established fraud training program for Welfare Fraud Investigators and eligibility staff.

On December 20, 2007, my office directed the Departments of Community and Senior Services, Public Social Services, Child Support Services, and Children and Family Services to notify all staff who administer public assistance programs of the existence of the Welfare Fraud Prevention and Investigations/Central Fraud Reporting hotline and the national non-profit WeTip hotline. As of February 29, 2008, each of these departments confirmed that staff was informed of the existence of these hotlines and that a caller's identity would either remain confidential or the call could be made anonymously.

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Based on these collaborative efforts, my office has established that it is feasible to incorporate data mining technology into the DPSSMART Data Warehouse. An established fraud training program exists within DPSS, and all County agency staff who administer public assistance programs have been informed of the available fraud hotlines.

If you have any questions, you may contact me, or your staff may contact James Blunt at (213) 893-2291.

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